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A.—(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given at the meeting of the 31st July 1927 in reply to his question (No. 792) on the subject. The progress since made in the investigation of irrigation schemes in the Kollegal taluk is shown in the statement [a] attached.

(*b*) Please see item 3 in the statement.

(*c*) The Gundal river is the main source of supply to several tanks. Mr. Morris was granted permission to use water from the river on payment of Rs. 5 per annum on the condition that the water taken is returned back to the stream, excepting the small wastage in his factory. There is no reason to believe that the small storage tank, which is a mere pond made by him, affects the irrigation lower down.

(*d*) No irrigation schemes are ready for execution. Minor improvements and repairs to tanks and channels are being done where necessary.

Mr. C. V. VENKATRAMANA AYYANGAR:—"May I know when the permission was given to Mr. Morris?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"Notice, Sir."

Supply of water in the Owk tank in the Kurnool district.

*899 *Q.*—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state in terms of day's supply—

(*a*) what the quantity of water was on the 15th of August 1928 in the Owk tank in the Kurnool district;

(*b*) what it was on the 15th of September;

(*c*) what are the reasons for the shortage, if any; and

(*d*) what the rainfall was at Owk during the months July, August and September?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) A report has been called for.

Accumulation of sand and silt on the bed of the Godavari river.

*900 *Q.*—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 600 answered on 12th October 1928 regarding the accumulation of sand and silt on the bed of the Godavari river—

(*a*) whether the report called for has been received by the Government; and

(*b*) if so, whether the same will be placed on the table?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The report called for has not yet been received.

Repairs to the aqueduct at Gorripudi in the East Godavari district.

*901 *Q.*—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the aqueduct at Gorripudi in the East Godavari district has twelve vents of which only four are functioning and the rest have been silted up for a number of years;

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(b) whether there has been consequent submersion and loss of crops every year in the villages above Gorripudi up to Valangi adjoining the Tulyabhaga drain;

(c) whether frequent representations about this have been made to the Engineering and Revenue departments either to repair the aqueduct or to remove the same; and

(d) whether any scheme or proposal to prevent the submersion is under investigation now and if so, in what stage it is?

A.—The Government have called for a report.

Supply of water for second crop irrigation under "closed channels" in East Godavari district.

902 Q.—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that with reference to the second crop irrigation in the East Godavari district, it is usual to notify certain channels as closed channels for second crop irrigation and that as a result water for second crop will not be granted from such channels;

(b) whether there are some such closed channels in the East Godavari district, in the area affected by the recent rains and floods; and

(c) whether, in view of the loss and damage to the first crop by the recent rains and floods, the Government propose to instruct the Collector and the Executive Engineer to allow water for second crop for lands affected by the recent rains and floods from such channels, though already notified as closed?

A.—The Government have not the information but have called for a report.

Report of the special officer regarding the second-crop zone in Godavari Western delta.

903 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the special officer appointed to fix the second-crop zone in Godavari Western delta has finished his work and whether he has made any report; and, if so, whether Government will be pleased to place the report on the Council table; and

(b) whether the inclusions in, and the exclusions from, the second-crop zone as fixed by the special officer would be published in the *West Godavari District Gazette* with a view to give the ryots an opportunity to prefer objections, if any, in respect of individual fields?

A.—(a) The special officer has submitted a report, which is under the consideration of the Government. The suggestion to place the report on the table will be considered.

(b) This suggestion will also be considered.

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—"May I know whether pending the final disposal of the report of the special officer, the lands that were hitherto receiving water for the second crop would not be refused water for the second crop irrigation?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS.—"The hon. Member's suggestion will be considered."